

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

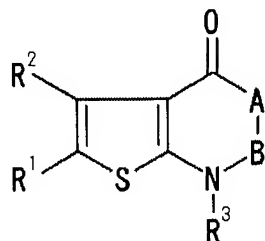
**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (withdrawn): A preventing or treating agent for hot flash which comprises a non-peptidic compound having gonadotropin releasing hormone antagonistic activity.

2. (withdrawn-currently amended): The ~~agent~~method according to claim 1, wherein the compound is a compound capable of entering the brain.

3. (withdrawn-currently amended): The ~~agent~~method according to claim 1, wherein the compound is a fused heterocyclic compound.

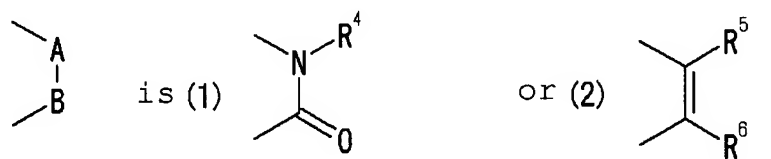
4. (withdrawn-currently amended): The ~~agent~~method according to claim 1, wherein the compound is a compound represented by the formula:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a group linking via a carbon atom, (3) a group linking via a nitrogen atom, (4) a group linking via an oxygen atom or (5) a group linking via a sulfur atom,

$R^2$  represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) a group linking via a carbon atom, (3) a group linking via a nitrogen atom, (4) a group linking via an oxygen atom or (5) a group linking via a sulfur atom,

$R^3$  represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) alkyl or (3)  $-(CH_2)_pQ$  (wherein  $p$  represents an integer of 0 to 3 and  $Q$  represents an optionally substituted homocyclic group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group),



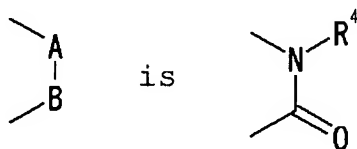
$R^4$  represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) alkyl optionally substituted with alkoxy, (3) optionally substituted aryl, (4) optionally substituted aralkyl or (5) optionally substituted cycloalkyl,

$R^5$  represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) formyl, (3) cyano, (4)  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl optionally substituted with (i) a group linking via a sulfur atom or (ii) a group linking via an oxygen atom, (5) an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, (6) a group linking via a nitrogen atom, (7) a group linking via an oxygen atom, (8) a group linking via a sulfur atom, (9) optionally esterified, thioesterified or amidated carboxyl or (10)  $-C(O)R^7$  (wherein  $R^7$  represents an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group), and

$R^6$  represents (1) a hydrogen atom or (2) a group linking via a carbon atom, or a salt or prodrug thereof.

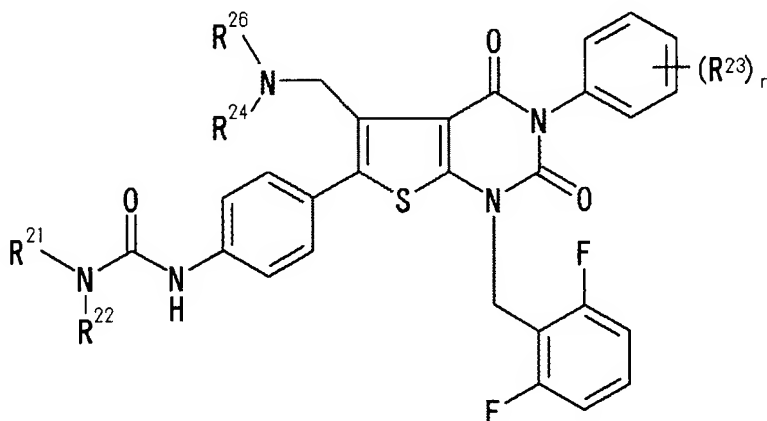
5. (withdrawn-currently amended): The ~~agent method~~ according to claim 4, wherein  $R^1$  is optionally substituted  $C_{6-14}$  aryl,  $R^2$  is (1)  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl substituted with a group linking via a

nitrogen atom or (2) a group linking via a nitrogen atom,  $R^3$  is  $-(CH_2)_pQ$  (wherein  $p$  represents an integer of 0 to 3 and  $Q$  represents an optionally substituted homocyclic group or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group),

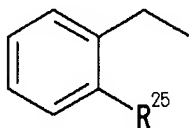


$R^4$  is (1)  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl optionally substituted with  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy or (2) optionally substituted  $C_{6-14}$ aryl.

6. (withdrawn-currently amended): The ~~agent~~ method according to claim 17, wherein the compound is a compound represented by the formula:



wherein  $R^{21}$  and  $R^{22}$  each represent (1) a hydrogen atom (2) hydroxy (3)  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, (4)  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy-carbonyl or (5) optionally substituted  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $R^{23}$  represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2) halogen, (3) hydroxy or (4) optionally substituted  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, or two  $R^{23}$  adjacent to each other may be linked to form  $C_{1-4}$  alkylenedioxy,  $R^{24}$  represents (1) a hydrogen atom or (2)  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and  $R^{26}$  represents (1) optionally substituted  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl or (2) a group represented by the formula:



wherein R<sup>25</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or may be taken together with R<sup>24</sup> to form a heterocycle, and n represents an integer of 0 to 5, or a salt thereof.

7. (original): A method for preventing or treating hot flash, which comprises administering an effective amount of a non-peptidic compound having gonadotropin releasing hormone antagonistic activity to a mammal.

8. (withdrawn): Use of a non-peptidic compound having gonadotropin releasing hormone antagonistic activity for preparation of a preventing or treating agent for hot flash.